

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A seal for installation on a trocar, having a proximal end that has an access port, which seal is generally cylindrical in shape and has upper ~~portion~~ and lower portions, the lower portion of the seal being formed for mating engagement with the access port at the proximal end of the trocar and the upper portion of the seal having: (a) a central hole formed therein to permit a surgical instrument to pass through the seal; and (b) a plurality of folds formed in the upper portion in proximity to the central hole.

2. (Original) The seal of claim 1, wherein the folds comprise a plurality of substantially straight accordion-like folds which radiate outwardly from the central hole.

3. Cancelled.

4. (Original) The seal of claim 2, wherein the central hole in the seal is approximately 2.0 millimeters in diameter.

5. (Original) The seal of claim 4, wherein the central hole in the seal is expandable from approximately 2.0 millimeters to about thirteen millimeters.

6. (Original) The seal of claim 2, wherein it comprises a pliable material.

7. (Original) The seal of claim 6, wherein the pliable material is silicone.

8. (Original) The seal of claim 2, wherein the accordion-like folds in the seal number between two and seventy-five.

9-32. Cancelled.